

By the Quene,

Right trusty and welbeloued, we greete you well. We vnderstande by sundry meanes, that where of late we ordered a proclamation to be published in certeyne Counties vpon the Sea costes, for the lycensyng of suche as reside in any portes of the Sea, or others, for theyr defence and safegarde to do theyr vttermoost agaynst any the frenche kynges subiectes, with further allowaunce of prizes of frenche vesselles taken vpon the Seas, as further in the same proclamation appeareth: Sundrye lyght and lewde persons about our Citie of London, and suburbes of the same, haue by colour and false pretence of the sayde proclamation, beyng neyther proclaymed there at all, nor yet so intended, as by the manifestte wordes of the same proclamation appeareth, haue entred and seased the persons and goodes, not only of dyuers french men and women, luyng quietly and orderly without offence of any our subiectes: but also of such as are denizens, and so accompted in a maner our subiectes, and belydes that (whiche is not to be suffred unpunished) of sundrye others, beyng in dede Englyshe bozne, pretending them maliciously to be frenche, and others beyng bozne vnder the obedience of other Princes and states out of the frenche kynges obeyssaunce: By which disorder we perceauie that much disquietnes hath rysen. And therfore we wyll and commaunde you, that you shall notifie in places most notozious within our Citie of London, and suburbes of the same, that all persons, of what sort soeuer the same be, that haue ben thus molested in body or goodes, by pretence aforesayde, within our sayde Citie or suburbes, shalbe restored to full libertie, and that the disturbers be arrested and compelled to aunswere for theyr violences and misdemeaners, as breakers of our peace, and trespassers, accordyng to the order of our lawes, eyther at the suite of the parties damaged, or at the suite of you being our Maior and Lieutenaut of our sayde Citie, so as some sharpe and euident punishment folowynge, may geue cause to others hereafter not to vse such outrages, agaynst order and without aucthoritie. And this our letter, or the substance therof, you shall publyshe and notifie.

Deuen vnder our Signet at our Manour of Richmond, the second day of August, the fyfth yere of our reigne.

GOD saue the Quene.

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